



[Docket No.: ED-2013-ICCD-0133]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: Survey of Principals of Rural Schools Receiving School Improvement Grants and Using the Transformation

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 60th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0133 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Acting Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Room 2E105, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to collection activities or burden, please call Katrina Ingalls at 703-620-3655 or electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. **Please do not send comments here.**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Survey of Principals of Rural Schools Receiving School Improvement Grants and Using the Transformation

OMB Control Number: 1850-New

Type of Review: A new information collection

Respondents / Affected Public: Individuals or households

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 221

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 58

Abstract: This study collects survey data from principals of schools that received federal School Improvement Grants (SIGs) in cohort 1 and implemented the school transformation model. Rural schools and districts often face steep challenges when trying to implement the kinds of staff replacement and on-site professional development practices required in the transformation model. By examining the implementation of the SIG transformation model in challenging rural settings, the study will produce findings that can help policymakers, rural schools, and their partners plan for school improvement. Our study will do this in two ways: 1) by asking principals to specify the extent to which the transformation activities were implemented and the challenges to implementation, and 2) by identifying which activities were supported by technical assistance providers and how sufficient principals found this support.

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